

Op-23-X

S.W.S

This is a TEMPORARY DOCUMENT

only, for the use of DCI/HS.

The record copy has been *TRANSFERRED*
released to National Archives
under the HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM.

SECRET

Date 1/29/91 HRP 89-2

18 October 1945

MEMORANDUM for Admiral Horne.

Subject: Post-War Organization of Naval Intelligence.

Enclosure: (A) SC ltr of Captain W. D. Puleston
to Admiral Horne, dtd 22 Sept 45.

1. This memorandum is submitted pursuant
to your request for my comments on Enclosure (A).

2. The comments will be confined to the
intelligence aspect of Enclosure (A). Suffice it to
say my experience has indicated a spirit of wholesome
cooperation on the part of the State Department in its
relations with the Office of Naval Intelligence.

3. It would appear that Captain Puleston
is unaware of the decisions made by JCS relative to
the proposed Central Intelligence Agency. From the
date of Enclosure (A), he could not know that JCS has
recommended a Central Intelligence Agency under the
control of a National Intelligence Authority, (Secre-
taries of State, War, Navy and a representative of JCS).
The Director of CIA would be appointed by the President
from nominations made by NIA. This organization set-
up would relieve the President of the onerous adminis-
trative details and at the same time make those members
of the President's cabinet directly charged with National
Defense responsible both to him for intelligence and suc-
cessful operation of their respective departments as
guided by that intelligence. This organization would
strengthen CNO and the Chief of Staff, Army, in their
positions and responsibilities as the President's pro-
fessional Naval and Military advisors.

4. The JCS plan for a Central Intelligence
Agency contemplates CIA as the primary service agency for
the State, War and Navy Intelligence units in collect-
ing intelligence of common interest, which in general is

Op-23-1

This document has been
approved for release through
the HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
of the Central Intelligence Agency

Date 1/28/91

HRP 89-2

000083

SECRET

SECRET

strategic intelligence, about foreign nations. It also contemplates CIA as the single unit to conduct covert intelligence activities in foreign countries of a type the Armed Services Intelligence Agencies cannot, or which would result in a dangerous duplication of effort. It is contemplated that the Intelligence Agencies of State, War and Navy will be both contributing and beneficiary members of CIA under such circumstances that essential operational and combat intelligence will always be under control of the Armed Services.

5. Obviously, Enclosure (A) was written without knowledge of Admiral King's memorandum of 9 October 1945, to the Chief of Naval Personnel, requesting establishment of specialist courses and instruction in the Naval Academy, the Post-Graduate School, and the Naval War College. By training Regular Navy Officers in intelligence and providing for rotation between general line duties at sea and intelligence billets while ashore, the desired factor of continuity in Administration of Naval Intelligence is assured. The program also will create a pool of trained Regular Officers which will be the cadre for mobilization of Reserve Intelligence Officers in any future emergency.

6. The Office of Naval Intelligence already has taken vigorous steps toward developing facilities for collection of covert intelligence from abroad. This program includes, as a matter of primary importance, constant scanning of activities in the fields of science and industry; the Navy can be fully advised on all phases of the war potential, capabilities and intentions of foreign powers. The program is progressing now, but it also is so designed as to permit effective integration with such Central Intelligence Agency as may be created. The program includes a wide range and variety of joint activities carried on with the various Army Intelligence Units, of which AC-of-S, G-2, War Department, is but one.

7. Enclosure (A) is a thoughtful and logical presentation of ideas from a former Director of Naval Intelligence. I am glad to have had the opportunity of studying it. However, I feel certain that had the author been aware of recent and fast moving developments, he would be among the first to approve of the actions taken and now within sight of achievement. They all contribute directly to the basic premise of Enclosure (A) in meeting the greater need for an adequate Naval Intelligence organization and program than ever before in view of the world situation of today and the foreseeable years to come.

Respectfully,

Dict. - 18 Oct 45

Dict. - Capt. W.S. Wharton

Typed - RCDunden Ylc

THOS. L. INGLIS,

Commodore, U. S. N.

Chief of Naval Intelligence